



Support American Manufacturing - Vote for the Energy Tax Prevention Act!

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Domestic manufacturers face enough hurdles with a weak economy and international competition, but now the Environmental Protection Agency is making things worse with its costly global warming regulations. You can take a stand in favor of American manufacturing jobs by supporting H.R. 910, the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011. It is a simple and straightforward plan to stop the EPA from misusing the Clean Air Act to enact a climate change agenda that was rejected in Congress.

Much like last year's failed cap and trade energy tax, EPA's global warming regulations would drive up the cost of energy – a proven job killer for manufacturers, and especially energy-intensive sectors like steel, paper, and chemicals. EPA's unilateral regulations put American manufacturing at an unfair disadvantage with nations like China that have no intention of imposing similar burdens on their industries. "Mandates that increase manufacturing costs directly impact our global competitiveness," says Paul N. Cicio, President of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America, which represents energy-using manufacturers with more than 750,000 employees. If manufacturers cannot compete under harsh U.S. rules, they will have no choice but to send their jobs overseas to nations that may not even provide the most basic environmental protections. Jobs would go overseas, but emissions would not be reduced – all economic pain for no environmental gain.

The Energy and Power Subcommittee has held three hearings on H.R. 910 and heard from a wide variety of manufacturers, as well as energy producers, small business owners, and farmers. All characterized EPA's global warming agenda as a major threat, and one economist estimated total job losses as high as 1.4 million. In a letter of support for H.R. 910, the National Association of Manufacturers said "this legislation is needed to stem the tide of the EPA's overreach and give the nation's job creators the assurance they need to expand their businesses and put Americans back to work."

We urge you to join us in putting domestic manufacturing – and the entire economy – back on track by supporting H.R. 910.

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Sincerely,

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